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WAR RELIEF

At the Mid-winter meetings Rev. Boynton Merrill made a detailed report for the Committee on Assistance to War Victims and Services, showing the gifts which had come from each State and the amount per capita. The total is not very impressive, and yet there are two factors which are encouraging. One is that beginning with the campaign in the fall a decided improvement was noted, and the other is that in the per capita giving northern California ranks fourth from the top.

All designations by individuals or churches are observed by the committee, but undesignated funds are allocated in response to the need that is apparent at the moment and the ability to get the money to the point where the need exists. A total of $125,000 had been disbursed by the committee to the end of December. More recently funds were coming in at the rate of $1000 a day, but this from only 1000 churches. If this number can be tripled, and the rate of giving maintained, the goal set by the committee of about $1,000,000 for the year will be reached.

Up to December 31, money has gone to China, to Friends Service Committee, for the relief of Congregationalists in England and Wales, for Protestants on the continent of Europe, for the children of Greece, refugees in our country, prisoners in European camps, the International Missionary Council for orphaned missions, Committee on Conscientious Objectors, and the American Board and Home Board to help them meet the war situation.

Our churches should maintain a steady flow of gifts through the year. Checks should be mailed to Elbert Harvey, Treasurer, 289 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dr. Stock's Work

"Six free nights in three months!" That has been the record of Dr. Harry T. Stock of the national Education Division who has been visiting professor of Religious Education at Pacific School of Religion for the fall semester. But the heavy schedule of evening appointments has been largely the result of work done by the Conference Committee on Religious Education, which had set up nine institutes in strategic areas in order that a maximum number of church school teachers might hear and confer with Dr. Stock. Dr. Stock himself reported contact with about 40 churches in their own fields or through centralized institutes. "Everywhere," he said, "pastors are interested in religious education—not just in the church school, but in an adequate program for children and young people and adults. Religious education is a process by which the Christian church seeks to fulfill its function in the community." He stressed the great importance of religious education at this time, especially when so many normal activities are being side-tracked by claims of emergency needs. "We need to impress upon people that religious education deserves priority in these times." Dr. Stock had high praise for the devoted little groups in the churches who are working voluntarily in the field of religious education. But he pointed the need for a greater number of imaginative, trained men and women to help them in the work. The Northern California Conference is deeply appreciative of the fine cooperation Dr. Stock has given in this particular area of its work.

1941 GAINS

Year Book totals for Northern California Congregational Conference have just been completed, covering the year 1941. A very substantial gain in church membership is shown for the year, bringing the total to 21,121, which is an all-time high and about 600 more than a year ago. An encouraging factor is that the number of absentees is not much larger than previously. A total of 1632 were received into membership, of whom more than half were on confession. The number removed by death remains almost constant, the total losses from all causes being 1,051.

The enrollment in our church schools and our young people's organizations both declined after having made gains for the past two or three years. The figures for young people's organizations are not reliable; the Year Book blank calls for inclusion of such groups as Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and organized Sunday School classes, and a number of churches do not always report them.

The home expenses of the churches have gone up about $10,000, reaching a figure of $310,550. The value of church property shows a slight decline due to certain re-evaluations, but is not far from $3,000,000. As reported a month ago, the benevolences show a substantial increase of something more than 5 per cent, and other gifts outside of our apportionment have gained about $2,000, this probably due to the giving for the relief of war victims.

Of the 98 churches, 68 are cared for by ordained Congregational ministers, 15 by ministers of other denominations including Federated churches, 4 by licentiates, and 1 by a layman. There are five inactive churches and five without pastor, four of them in process of securing one. The average salary of regular pastors of the churches reporting is up $25, and stands at $1,815.

Three churches during the year received more than 100 members, 6 received more than fifty but less than a hundred, 11 received between 25 and 50, and 53 received less than 25. There were 18 churches that received no members.

BIBLES

The California Service Men's Bible Committee, cooperating with the American Bible Society and the California Church Council, report a distribution to men in the service of more than 150,000 copies of the Bible, Testaments, and smaller portions of the Scriptures. During the same year the American Bible Society provided regular chaplains with over 450,000 Scripture volumes.

Where Can We Take Hold?

What the Christian church can do to help the Japanese evacuees. (Some notes made by a Christian Japanese pastor, Rev. Norio Ozaki):

1. Housing the evacuees. At present they have moved into friends' places, temporarily. They must be continually befriended so that all of them may be properly housed.
2. Storing their goods. Their valuable articles, books and household things, should be in the hands of friends, for these people will be transients until the war ends.
3. Taking care of their immovable property. They have left their businesses, houses and lands, which must be rented or sold.
4. Taking care of their young people. The Nisei (second generation) are old enough to care for themselves, but they need the parental care of their friends, if they are permitted to stay.
5. Finding jobs for them. They need jobs. They will go hungry before they will go to charity institutions.
6. Directing those who need aid to places of prayer. Because of technicality or other matters, their aid often fails to come or is delayed.
7. Helping in their transportation. Persons and household goods must be moved one or more times until they finally settle down.
8. Helping really distressed families. Until they receive aid they may go hungry many days.
9. Comforting them. Their sons are in the Army, yet they are treated like aliens.
10. Spiritual help.

"MORBUS SABBATICUS"
(A Modern Disease)

A Sunday illness peculiar to churchgoers; symptoms vary, but never interfere with normal appetite; attack never lasts more than twenty-four hours; physician never needed; intermittent attacks at first, then chronic, malignant and fatal—in order named.

The attacks come suddenly every Sunday morning; no symptoms felt on Saturday night; patient sleeps well until late Sunday, eats hearty breakfast, but about church time complains and feels the disease coming on. Difficulty passes just in time for patient to eat a hearty dinner and go for an afternoon walk or auto ride. Similar occurrence comes at time of evening church service. Patient sleeps well on Sunday night and has no further signs of symptoms until the following Sunday morning.—Contributed by Dr. H. B. Ward, in "The Spire."

HAS THE WAR STOPPED OUR WORK OVERSEAS?
NO!

In the following countries work is going on without disruption:

Angola	India	Syria
Southern Rhodesia	Ceylon	Unoccupied China
South Africa	Turkey	

In the war zones, the situation is as follows:

JAPAN—Of active workers who were all withdrawn before the war broke out, 2 are at work in the Philippines, 2 in India, 2 in Honolulu, 9 with Japanese churches in U. S. A. Japanese Christians are continuing the work in Japan.

OCCUPIED CHINA—31 active missionaries still there. All Americans reported well treated in homes.

FREE CHINA—In South China, 21 workers; West China, 4 workers. All safe and busy.

GREECE—One still in Athens; others in Turkey or U. S. A.

BULGARIA—5 workers continuing at their posts under some restrictions.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—8 regular workers, plus 2 Japan missionaries, 4 American-bound North China workers, 2 India-bound workers, the "refugees" working as nurses, doctor, Y. man, hospital chaplain, and relief worker.

Laymen's Schools

The laymen of Northern California will be delighted to know that the Schools of Churchmanship are to go forward in spite of the illness of Claude Eckart. The committee on program decided that the one man who could do the job that was needed better than any other available was former Superintendent Edward D. Gaylord of Southern California, and are delighted to be able to announce his coming.

Dr. Gaylord helped to develop the laymen's work in our sister Conference, and he knows what things churches have need of as well as any man on the coast. He will visit each School of Churchmanship and will speak following the dinner on the theme, "Sacrifice or Investment?" He will then lead the discussion in the group of trustees and treasurers. Mr. J. W. Thomas, San Francisco attorney and for some years deacon of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, will lead the discussion in the deacons' groups.

It is expected that George B. Martin, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship Commission, will attend and preside at some of the dinners. Members of the Commission will attend in their own vicinities. Either Field Secretary Sherman or Superintendent Gill will be present and will conduct the closing communion service, for which deacons who are present will have been trained in their session.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, March 16—First Congregational Church, Santa Rosa.

Tuesday, March 17—First Congregational Church, Lodi.

Wednesday, March 18—First Congregational Church, Fresno.

Thursday, March 19—First Congregational Church, Palo Alto.

In each case dinner will be served as soon after six o'clock as possible, Dr. Gaylord speaking at the table. Then there will be a division into two groups, deacons in one and trustees and treasurers in the other, for very thorough instruction and discussion regarding the duties of those offices. Churches are being asked to send all of their deacons and trustees, their treasurers, and young men who are of the caliber to be elected to those offices in the next few years.

These meetings are for men only. Reservations for the dinners will be made by pastors in advance.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16-19 — Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship (see special article for schedule).
April 5—Easter Sunday.
April 21-22—Sacramento Valley Association, Weaverville.
April 23—Central Association, Salida.
April 24—San Joaquin Valley Association, Fresno, Pilgrim.
April 28—Redwood Empire Association, Cloverdale.
April 29—Upper Bay Association, Crockett.
May 5—Bay Association, Oakland, Fruitvale.
May 6—Santa Clara Association, San Jose.
June 18-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Durham, N. H.
July 25 - August 1—Zephyr Point Young People's Conference.
July 25 - August 1—M.E.M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 16-18—State Conference, Grace United Church, San Francisco.

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A NEW START

In the first two months of 1942, thirty-two churches forged about $400 ahead of the same period of last year. And interestingly enough, a similar number of churches made a similar gain the year previous! If a comparable gain can be registered by the other churches who have not yet sent in remittances, it will set the stride for a real forward movement. March is the closing month of the Conference fiscal year, therefore the cooperation of treasurers and ministers in sending remittances before the 31st will be of the very greatest possible help in closing the year without a deficit.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, 1942	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, 1941
Alturas	$	$ 12.05
Angels Camp	2.50	2.00
Antioch	6.26	.....
Auburn	20.00	60.00
Benicia	5.00	.....
Berkeley, First	745.49	1,077.92
North	52.30	.....
Callahan	.....	5.13
Cloverdale	11.91	11.31
Cotati	20.00	.....
Crockett	10.00	15.99
Etna	5.32	6.85
Eureka	65.16	50.82
Fresno, Pilgrim	18.08	.....
Lodi, First	200.00	.....
Martinez	30.66	27.00
Murphys	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	850.00	.....
Pilgrim	6.00	6.00
Plymouth	83.13	88.33
Oroville	.....	6.35
Pacific Grove	.....	26.91
Paradise	50.00	.....
Pescadero	2.50	.....
Petaluma	65.35	69.50
Pittsburg	12.53	22.40
Porterville	.....	10.00
Redwood City	.....	20.00
Ripon	17.90	.....
Salida	.....	5.00
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	.....	31.73
First	261.91	724.68
Ocean View	20.00	.....
San Jose	160.00	60.00
San Leandro	.....	22.66
San Mateo	.....	5.00
Santa Cruz	.....	90.00
Santa Rosa	11.50	38.00
Saratoga	75.00	.....
Sebastopol	11.95	21.00
Sonoma	22.10	15.00
Stockton	21.90	.....
Suisun	.....	38.67
Sunol	.....	25.00
Tulare	10.00	.....
Reno, Nevada	.....	58.79
Miscellaneous	180.00	34.00
	$3,135.45	$2,769.09

NEW HYMNAL

The long-felt need for a good but inexpensive hymnal has at last been met in the publication of "New Worship and Song," by the Pilgrim Press. With 184 hymns and musical responses, 13 suggested worship services, and a goodly number of prayers, unison and responsive readings, this book is recommended for use by churches, church schools, young people's groups and summer conferences. The hymns not only include many old and well-loved ones, but also some of the newer favorites such as "We Would Be Building," "Are Ye Able," etc. The book is available in red cloth cover at 40c per copy (35c in quantities), or in a strong paper binding at 25c per copy (20c in quantities). Write Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, or to the Pilgrim Press in Boston or Chicago.

Summer Camp Plans on the Way

Plans for Pilgrim Fellowship summer conferences are quite well along and nearing completion. The dates are as follows:

San Joaquin (Fresno area), June 14-20—Sequoia National Park, with Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Tulare as director.

Central area, June 13-20—Lakewood, Lake Tahoe, with Mr. George I. Linn of Sacramento as director.

Loma Mar No. 1 and No. 2, combined this year and uniting the West Bay and East Bay areas, June 20-27, with Rev. Robert Inglis of Oakland as director.

Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, July 25-August 1, with Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga as director.

Redwood Empire and Upper Bay, again combined, August 9-15, at Lokoya, with Rev. Verdette Walters of Martinez as director.

Costs at all conferences will be slightly increased this year, but the accommodations and food will be of the same superior quality.

Requests have gone in to Chicago headquarters for the best representatives to be sent out to our conferences, equal to those of last year. The names suggested include Mr. George N. White of New York, Rev. Howell D. Davies of Chicago, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill of New York, and Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Robinson, recently returned from China.

Methods of transportation are being considered so as to save tires.

Plymouth House

Announcements of Plymouth House Lenten services have been sent to 120 fraternities, sororities, and other student residences, and already the attendance has shown an increase. Plymouthites are active in a number of projects in addition to their own local program. They have sent deputations to Redwood City and Antioch in recent weeks. Early in February Chaplain Jones of Treasure Island discussed with the membership means by which they might serve men in service. Through him, 35 men stationed at the Island, who are Congregationalists, received personal invitations to attend the Friday Open House as well as Sunday Service and the Forum. Invitation has also been sent to men in service stationed in Berkeley, and efforts are being made to enlarge the service to these men. Already several hundred magazines have been sent to service libraries. Plymouth House itself has been the recipient of some much appreciated new furniture and equipment which add greatly to its comfort and beauty.

Plymouth House is preparing to do its part in the defense program. Each department is studying means by which it may adapt its part of the whole program of the House to the needs of Service Men stationed in this region. The Reverend Enoch Jones, Chaplain at the Receiving Ship on Treasure Isand, addressed the Forum on Sunday, February 8, and met with committees at the close of the meeting to lay specific plans. There is also provision in the program for the study of Ways and Means to a Just and Durable Peace at the close of the War.

P. F. DIRECTORY

An attractive handbook and directory has been prepared by the Pilgrim Fellowship leaders in northern California. Its contents include histories of the national Fellowship and the state group, stories of our northern California projects; national, state, area, and local officers, the Statement of Purpose, and other interesting information. Copies may be secured through the Conference Office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, at 10 cents each.

PALO ALTO. The great "classics of the Christian Years," form the bases of the sermon topics of Rev. Augustine Jones, the pastor, during Lent. In March books of Dante, Thomas a Kempis, Jeremy Taylor, Bunyan, and Milton, are to be considered. The Monday evening group meeting in the pastor's home is studying "How the Bible Came Down to Us."

ALTURAS. One of the Sunday School rooms has been converted into a nursery room, and the church has secured the services of different people to take charge of young children each Sunday during the worship hour, thus freeing parents to attend church. The motion picture, "The Life of Christ," was shown early in February. Rev. Theodore Schulz is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. Campfire Girls participated in the morning service the first Sunday of March. Lenten Vespers are to be held each Sunday at 4 p. m., with organ music predominating. Eight sermons on Faith have been announced, to include the Sunday following Easter. The pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters, is to address the High School in March, and will speak at the Community Sunrise Easter Service.

EUREKA. As a climax to the Lenten season the church will have a preaching mission during Holy Week, including Easter Sunday, with Rev. James R. Clinton, pastor-at-large of the Board of Home Missions, as the visiting speaker. A monthly "family night" is held for the men in service, with dinner and program, the evening closing with a service of devotion. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. The first of March was "roll call" Sunday, the clerk reading the names of all living members, this being an effort to bring the membership up to date. New Pilgrim Fellowship officers have been chosen, and the Ladies' Aid is planning a spring tea in the new social hall. Soldiers stationed at Clyde were recently given a public entertainment by the church.

PARADISE. Rev. Pierson Parker of Berkeley conducted an eight-day preaching mission which was very helpful. The church received 28 new members during 1941, the largest number in one year in its history. Building Society obligations on the hall and the parsonage are being met promptly. The year was closed with all bills paid. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is pastor.

HAYWARD. The Pilgrim Fellowship young people greatly delighted the church and the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, with the presentation of a lovely silk flag, which was dedicated at the service of worship on a recent Sunday morning. The church has a very beautiful walnut pulpit for sale to some one of our churches at a reasonable price.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor, reports that mountain storms and consequent bad roads have made January and February extremely difficult months.

The Congregational Committee on Work Camps is sponsoring three centers for college age and two for high school age for the season of 1942. College age camps will be at Tabor, Iowa; Piedmont, Ga., and some industrial locality, such as Schauffler College, Cleveland, Ohio. There will be a high school age camp at Ledyard, Conn., and another at Deering, N. H. It will be remembered that we had such a camp at Mountain View, Santa Clara County, last summer.

Young people or pastors who are interested may secure further data from the Work Camp Conference office, Room 805, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A substantial gift has been made to the church, which added to the Forward Movement fund and made possible the enlarging of the printed bulletin, which is now issued under the name of "The Christian Neighbor." Money will also be made available to help refugee aliens being expelled from Oakland, and also for the Committee on Assistance to Conscientious Objectors. Rev. Harry S. McCready has been made Minister Emeritus. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

FERNDALE. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, well known in Northern California for his pastorates at Porterville, Paradise, and Tulare, and for his splendid representation of the missionary cause, has accepted a call to the pastorate of this church. While he hopes some day to be able to return to China, he is being welcomed most heartily at Ferndale and will continue the high traditions of that church.

LODI, FIRST. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, is using as general theme for his sermon topics during Lent, "Paths to the Presence of God." "The Fellowship of Prayer" has been distributed to 225 families of members and friends, and plans are being made for an all-church visitation in the near future. The church remains open daily, with a reading table and worship center provided for the use of worshippers.

PORTERVILLE. A Sunday Night Fireside Book Review is a special feature of the program, with different people presenting the reviews. Wednesday evening Bible talks are preceded by "cafeteria suppers," a special variety of the pot-luck dinner idea. The pastor, Rev. Willis Goldsmith, is preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer, the first two being: "God's Name and Address," and "Above All Priorities."

SEBASTOPOL. This church has unanimously called Mr. James P. Senter as pastor, and he has begun work. Mr. Senter will graduate from Pacific School of Religion in May. For the past two years he has been in charge of the work at Guerneville and Monte Rio. Mrs. Senter is trained in religious education, and the Sebastopol church is looking forward with keen anticipation to their services in the noble succession of those who have held this important post in years past.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. The Penngrove church celebrated the raising of the budget with a pot-luck dinner, with Field Secretary Sherman and Rev. Harold W. Robinson of North China as the speakers. The Cotati church has been renovated and blackout curtains have been put up in the social hall in preparation for the spring activities. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Cooperating with the President's announcement of "Brotherhood Week," Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rabbi Philip A. Langh of Temple Beth Abraham, Dr. Reidenbach preaching in the Temple on Friday evening and the Rabbi in First Church on Sunday. During Lent the pastor is giving a series of mid-week services at 11 o'clock on Wednesday mornings.

ALAMEDA. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Conard and their family have arrived in Alameda and are becoming settled in the parsonage. A delightful reception was given to them by the church on Friday evening, February 27, with words of greeting from members of the church, from pastors in the community, from Prof. James Muilenburg, who has been pulpit minister, and Superintendent Gill.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY. President W. C. Giersbach of Pacific University, Oregon, was guest speaker on a recent Sunday. Boy Scout Sunday produced a fine gathering of Scouts and a large attendance. The deacons have announced a regular calling upon men, paralleling the calling on women by the deaconesses. A young college student, delayed enroute to American University at Beirut, Syria, spoke at the Women's Guild meeting. The cabinet has endorsed the continuance of church dinners and all constructive social affairs during these war times. The Plymouth Guild sponsored a "husbands, etc.," dinner, and the deacons a "dad-a-lad" affair, with beans for dinner and a baseball film for dessert. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

SAN MATEO. The Board of Deacons has set up a schedule of "neighborhood meetings" to be held in different homes during the Sunday evenings in March. Church night dinner meetings are presenting special speakers, Kirby Page having been the guest in February, and Albert Peel of England has been invited for March. The pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, has been appointed by the Ministerial Association to plan a schedule of Sunday services for the service men at Bay Meadows. His "V for Victory" sermon series in March includes "The Victory Over Self," "over nature," "over fate," "over enemies," and "over complacency."

PETALUMA. A special printed folder outlining the Lenten program has been issued, with suggestions on "How to Keep Lent," sermon topics for seven Sundays on the general theme, "What Would Jesus Do If He Were Here Today?", and announcements concerning the program. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, has set aside Friday afternoons for special conferences at the church. "Open house for service men and civilians" is held each Sunday evening. On Brotherhood Sunday three speakers representing Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faiths brought messages on "Unity in Religion."

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Grace United Church was the speaker at the last monthly church night dinner of the season. The church groups are sharing in welcoming service men to regular and special events. An encouraging factor in the church life is the enthusiasm and cooperation of a number of new people who have recently come into the community. Mr. Eugene Sill is pastor.

OROVILLE. Most encouraging reports come from Rev. C. C. Champlin of interest and cooperation in every department. Not only is he making much of the Lenten season looking toward Easter, but is planning a day of special interest the Sunday after Easter, beginning with holy communion and a breakfast for men at eight in the morning, and a guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service.

AUBURN. Rev. Stewart E. Locke has been compelled to resign as pastor on account of illness. He is at Weimar Sanitorium but hopes that in the course of two or three months he will be restored to his normal strength and be able to resume work in another field. He leaves Auburn with the high regard and deep affection of the people.

SOQUEL. The first Sunday of each month is set as a rallying day for the church. The plan is to meet after church service for a pot-luck lunch, followed by meetings of the standing committees and the Church Council. The young people's group is growing, with 42 in attendance on a recent Sunday. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Eight hundred cards announcing the Lenten sermons on "Beliefs That Matter" have been distributed to every family in the parish, together with copies of "Fellowship of Prayer." A "pastoral care committee" has arranged for a friendly visitation of every family in the church. Kirby Page opened the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, with large numbers attending the two afternoon sessions and the evening meeting. Forty-seven families with pledges totaling almost $600 have been enrolled by the Social Action Committee in the plan of a year of sacrificial giving for assistance to war victims and services. This exceeds the church's quota. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, reports that the Finance Committee of the Weaverville church arranged and carried through a "loyalty" dinner, which brought together the most representative group of people he has seen in the town. After an enjoyable program, including moving pictures of the Trinity Alps, the religious work of the county was presented and about half of the budget for the year was pledged. The new Pilgrim Hymnals are a fine help in the worship services. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were in attendance at the Pastoral Conference in Berkeley.

SANTA CRUZ. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, exchanged pulpits with Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel on February 22, and on the following Sunday evening Mr. Preston gave a motion picture lecture on Hawaii. On Friday, February 20, the women of the church were hostesses to the Santa Cruz Women's Federation of Missionary Societies at an all-day prayer meeting, sixteen churches represented. "St. Paul" by Mendelssohn was given one Sunday afternoon by the Santa Cruz Oratorio Society at the church to an overflow audience.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The very complete program of Lenten activities for youth and adults has been printed as an attractive leaflet, and distributed. The College of Life has secured the assistance of Dr. Merton E. Hill of the University of California for a series of five meetings on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." The Pastor's Lenten Bible Class on Thursday mornings is to be conducted alternately by Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. Edward Reighard.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Junior High Choir presented a special program for Race Relations Sunday, including Negro spirituals and poetry. The following Sunday, Rabbi Saul White was guest speaker at the morning service. One hundred new hymnals have been secured for church school and young people. Each Sunday during March there is to be a census taken of members, friends and visitors who attend. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. In the absence of the pastor, Mr. Alfred Focht, student at the Pacific School of Religion, preached at both Guerneville and Monte Rio. The Monday evening Sewing Club sponsored a dinner for the benefit of the church, which was attended by approximately 300 people. During the program which followed, the Club presented Mr. and Mrs. Senter with a farewell gift of beautiful table linen.

TULARE. The Pilgrim Fellowship enjoyed as guest speaker the priest of the local Roman Catholic Church, who gave an inspiring and deeply spiritual message. First Aid classes and Red Cross sewing are being sponsored by the church. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. An unusually fine Lenten program has been set up, and an attractive "call to Lenten Loyalty" has been sent out. The call asks individuals to (1) observe some form of daily devotion, (2) attend church regularly, (3) invite others who are not now attending any other church. A Monday evening class will study the new book by George Buttrick, "Prayer." The pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, has announced a series of sermons on "Six Altars," for February and March, including "The Altar in Nature," "The Altar in the Old Testament," "The Altar in the Church," "The Altar in the Home," "The Altar in the Life," and "The Altar on Calvary."

RIO VISTA. Thirteen people became members of the church on February 22, eight on confession of faith. Reports at the annual meeting showed the church's condition to be thoroughly sound. The Ladies' Aid Society has been strengthened by the addition of new members. The church and community were saddened by the death of Mrs. Peter Cook, long a loyal, devoted member of this church.

Two score members of the Pilgrim Fellowship traveled in a hay-filled truck to enjoy skiing at Soda Springs on February 7. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, who has been pastor for nearly five years, has been called into Government service and has resigned his pastorate as of March 1, although he may continue to supply the church during Lent. Mr. and Mrs. Kachadourian came to San Francisco from New York. They have impressed a very wide circle of friends with their spirit of Christian service and devotion. The Pacific is glad that they are to continue to reside in San Francisco. The church has appointed a pulpit supply committee.

FAIRFAX. Beginning in Lent, a "walk to Church" campaign has been started for the spring. For Wednesday evenings in Lent the devotionals are based on "Ways of Preaching," and the Sunday morning sermons on the Beatitudes, "The basic teachings of Jesus." Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday was observed on February 1 with an inspiring service by the young people. An outside illuminated bulletin board is being installed. Rev. William W. Meyer is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Dramatic portrayals of women of the Bible have been given on two Sunday evenings by Miss Gail Potter. The Thursday evening service under the chairmanship of Rev. G. A. Charnock continues to present outstanding speakers, with Rev. George Williams and Rev. J. C. Bennett, both of Pacific School of Religion, speaking at two recent sessions. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is pastor.

LIKELY. A letter has been sent to 47 families in the Likely community outlining a plan for regular Sundav afternoon services during Lent, to be led by Rev. Theodore E. Schulz, pastor of our Alturas church. The services will include a unified worship period, church school classes, and a sermon period. Some church school work has been carried on by a few devoted lay people in the community, but this new plan will serve adults as well.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. This church is proud of its Cradle Roll and of the work of those who direct it. The newest result of their efforts is a beautifully framed "picture" of 140 members of the Cradle Roll. Actually it is 140 pictures artistically arranged in the one frame. Rev. Torrance Phelps is the pastor.

SAN JOSE. On a recent Sunday morning Mr. Kirby Page was guest speaker, using as his theme "How We May Receive Power from the Bible." In the afternoon he conducted a seminar for young people on "Living Prayerfully." On February 22 the children's sermon was preached by Mr. Urich Strauss of Lichtenstein and the adult sermon by Mr. Charan Singh, a graduate of Punjab University, India. Both are U.C. graduate students from International House, Berkeley. In the evening they conducted a panel discussion for young people on "What must we do for a just peace?" Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

SARATOGA. The church school is publishing its own newspaper entitled "Toll Gate," entrance fee being one membership in the church school. An attractive Lenten folder has been distributed listing sermon topics for six Sundays, announcing the Pastor's Class, "Neighborhood Discussions," (home gatherings for the purpose of talking together about significant questions), and other activities. Mr. J. H. Kimball was speaker at the church-community supper in February, and Rev. Edward Reighard is scheduled as speaker for March. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

ANGELS CAMP. Scout Sunday was joined with the Interracial Sunday program, with Scouts and Scoutmaster attending. The J.O.Y. Club is active and is planning to send delegates to the summer conference. Regular monthly church meetings with a "social time" included are being held at Murphys, and the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, has visited San Andreas, Sheep Ranch, and Altaville during the month. Through his work on the Rationing Board, the pastor is in touch with many men over the county.

BENICIA. The every member and community canvass, under the leadership of Field Secretary Sherman, has resulted in an increasing of the budget, making possible five days a week service on the part of Rev. Isaac Fleming, the pastor. Attendance at the services of worship and the Sunday School have increased. There is an active Pilgrim Fellowship group. Steps are being taken for the sale of the old parsonage and the remodeling of a smaller building for the pastor's use.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. Rev. M. M. Aijian has moved from the southland and is now undertaking the work of this church with his characteristic vigor. He was formerly pastor at Parlier in this Conference and will be welcomed back to Northern California by many friends.

RIPON. A week-night course in Bible Study has been started on the general subject, "How We Got Our Bible," led by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Hacke. Definite Bible reading assignments are made in advance of each class period.

NILES. Rev. R. C. Day expects to take up active service with the church on March first. Rev. Henry Stauffer of Berkeley has been supplying during January and February.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The next meeting of the Federation will be the third Thursday of March at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, as usual.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FACE NEW YEAR

It was voted that the Spring meeting, usually held in one of the outlying churches, should this time be held in the First Church, San Francisco. The date will be Thursday, April 16.

The new year's work of the Federation started well with the double meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19. At the Executive meeting on Wednesday, a number of important matters were discussed and decided. Among these was the presentation of the budget, in which several changes were introduced due to the fact that there would be less automobile travel this year. In line with that, Commissioners were all asked to stress in their societies the giving of one dollar to go toward a small fund to help with expenses of Association Presidents to the Federation meetings from time to time. In some cases, such an allocation would be either unnecessary or more than sufficient. But if every society will send that modest sum, there will be enough to bring those from the distant Associations. If we are to function most usefully we should increase our personal contacts with all our groups. Will all Commissioners please take note of this request and urge the action in their societies? The treasurer reported that many societies did not do this last year, probably due to oversight.

The matter of the disposition of the Thank Offering was discussed, and some changes made. Due to the great uncertainties of the war in the Pacific, it was decided not to send to China, as in the past, but to contribute to the work among women in the rural districts of South Africa. The salary of the minister in Trinity County, the Rev. P. N. Bennett, will be continued, and also our share of that of the nurse at Grants Congregational Hospital, Miss Henrietta Seeger. The all-important work among the boys in the Grace United District of San Francisco, more important than ever now, was increased from $250 to $300. The total of these four projects will amount to $1670. We are being modest in our pledged aid, but in view of the splendid Thank Offering total reported at the Annual Meeting, we have, of course, every intention of equalling that this year and thus having a substantial "plus" for allocation at the end of the year. The thrill of that announcement by Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, our Thank Offering Secretary, warms us yet.

The use of the word "plus" suggests another point brought up at our meeting this month. When the great need for an increased women's offering was seen last year, the various states decided to start an additional effort to be labeled the "plus gift." But we, in California, already had the machinery for that in our annual Thank Offering gift, so that we were "one up" on some of our sister states.

The Thursday meeting might well have been called a symposium on books. The various secretaries, old and new, were introduced and spoke of their special fields, and in almost every case brought us a goodly list of reading material—books and magazines. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary, spoke of the improvement in late years in materials for Sunday School teachers and mothers of young children. She mentioned the magazine, "Children's Religion," which she said contained much helpful material on worship in the family and for children, as well as suggestions on the Church School Lessons, and the missionary topics for the year. She spoke of "The Pilgrim Highroad," with which most of us are perhaps already familiar, which also gives excellent missionary material, in addition to that on all phases of youth interests. The Mission Study books for young people and children are: Foreign Field—"We Gather Together" for junior and junior high, "Come Everyone and Worship" for primaries; Home Field—"Child Neighbors in America" for the primary grade, "Children of the Promise," for Juniors. The last-named deals principally with Jewish children.

Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of Literature and the Home, emphasized a number of these as well as some which Mrs. Philip Greisinger, new Reading List chairman, gave us. Mrs. Greisinger's list was naturally the fullest of any. Among the books she recommended to us were "The Road of the Naturalist," by Donald Culross Peattie, showing how science had pointed his road to Reality; "What I Believe," by Sholem Asch; "Small Town Boy," by Rufus Jones, and "Windswept," by Mary Ellen Chase (also recommended by Mrs. Hartwell). Mrs. Greisinger spoke of the valuable articles which appear in "Advance" and other religious periodicals.

Preceding a beautiful devotional service, Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, added to our list of worth-while reading. She spoke of the Petersham books for little children, with their exquisite illustrations, mentioning particularly those on the Lord's Prayer, the Birth of Christ, and Old Testament stories. Others were "Prayers and Graces for Small Children," by Quail Hawkins, and "Your Child and God" and "And So He Made Mothers," by Applegarth.

Our Foreign Field Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Evans, brought us contact with some of the "far-flung" fields of our work. A letter from Dr. Laura Dyer of China reported that the supply of drugs which had been shipped from Shanghai before its fall was nearly exhausted. Miss Edith Parsons had sent a most delightful description of the view from her present apartment in Constantinople, overlooking the Sea of Marmora. Miss Parsons had substituted for a time for Rev. Everett Blake at Izmir, during his absence on a trip. No word had come from Pao-ting-fu or Taiku in China, but they were probably all right.

Mrs. Verdette Walters, new Home Field Secretary, and Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, both emphasized the need for fair and Christian treatment of all, Mrs. Walters stressing our unjust treatment of the Negro in our midst, and Miss Coxhead of the Japanese.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill, for whose message at the beginning of our work we always look forward, spoke of the heartening fact that for six years the Conference had made financial gains and that every year but two since the depression our average had been greater than that of the Congregational churches of the nation as a whole. Referring to the Mid-Winter Meeting, Dr. Gill said there had been no startlingly new or dramatic promotional scheme put forward, but that Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, who had given the matter careful study, considered that there was no plan comparable to the familiar "Every Member Canvass," only that this should be carried out more exactingly.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, our new President, gave a most interesting account, much briefer than we should have liked, of her first experience at the Evanston Conference. One experiment which Mrs. Haymond tried at this meeting and which proved most successful, was that of having a fifteen-minute period before the afternoon session, when the various secretaries would meet informally any and all who wished to ask questions about their phases of the work.

OUR PLYMOUTH HOUSE PROGRAM AT U. C.

Plymouth House has four ways of contacting students at the University: (1) The resident members of the First Congregational Church, who are studying at the University, invite their friends and acquaintances. (2) The students, enrolling at the University, are given cards on which to register their religious preference and a list of those who give the Congregational denomination as their choice is forwarded to us by the University. (3) Students see our publicity, hear about our work, drop in at the church, or pass our House and see the inviting lights. (4) Ministers write to us about young people from their churches who are attending the University.

Most of the students who are associated with the Church in Berkeley naturally gravitate toward Plymouth House when they enter the University. Very few of the students who recently registered in the University for the first time and expressed a Congregational preference came to the Church or House until they were called upon by Mr. Edward Reighard, the director. The majority of NEW students who participated in Plymouth House activities for the first time last September and October without visitation or urging were of various denominations and responded merely to our general publicity in THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN and to the appeal of our hospitable lights and doorway. Very few of those names sent to us by ministers were found on the preference list. For some reason these young people failed to register their interest in the Congregational Church. Practically none of them came to the House until the adviser had called. It is surprising that many who had been active in Pilgrim Fellowship at home had failed to hunt up Plymouth House or the Church on their arrival in Berkeley. It is estimated by reliable statistical methods that approximatelyy 600 Congregationalists are attending the University. However, we have only 242 names in our files of students who have shown interest sufficient to justify their inclusion in our list of potential Plymouthites. This is something to think about.

The work of the Plymouth Mothers the past year has been remarkably successful. Several hundred dollars have been raised and the money used for the cleaning and furnishing of the House. This fellowship enables the mothers of students residing in Berkeley to know each other and open their homes to students who are from other parts of the country.

They Rest from Their Labors

But

Their Works Do Follow Them

But for the generous bequests and conditional gifts of Congregationalists in days gone by, the Conference would have been compelled to curtail very seriously its help to the churches through the depression and even until this very hour. But they who rest from their labors saw to it that the cause in which they believed would have their continued support.

Congregationalists today may include the Conference in their wills, or may give a conditional gift and receive a substantial income on the same through life.

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MRS. CURTIS D. WILBUR

Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, beloved wife and mother, faithful member of our First Church, San Francisco, and of our fellowship, north and south, passed away February 15. Her going was a blessed release from many months of illness.

Mr. Lewis Presnall, who was pastor at Salida at the time of an attack of infantile paralysis, and who was treated at Warm Springs, Georgia, has taken a business position in Columbus, Ohio. He is able to get about without crutches, but with some difficulty.

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